

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you. It seems like we're getting a large number of these hog confinement buildings that they are willing to take in feeder pigs and there are some large corporations that are also feeding up in our area and they are...well, I guess they have pseudorabies and so they're willing to take them in. So I was just wondering whether I could really stop them or not in my area.

SENATOR ROGERS: I guess maybe you, individually, could not stop them but it's for sure that if the bill passes, that's one of the reasons for the A bill is to hire some more veterinarians and field inspectors. But they could not...and I don't think, Senator Schellpeper, they can do this legally now but I will have to check on that.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay, thank you. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, only a couple of comments in that this is a bill that affects one part of our economy, the hog producers. It's a very economically devastating disease that has been growing in the United States for better than 20 years. Control efforts have been tried in other areas. As a matter of fact, we passed a control effort in this state last year but the only real answer to the solution or to the problem would be an eradication effort similar to what we used with brucellosis a number of years ago. So I would encourage your support of this measure and, from personal experience, I can tell you that to have an infection of pseudorabies in your swine operation is not one of the better things that you can have happen to you. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. I'm a member of the Ag Committee and heard the testimony and I thought it was very informative and enlightening. I wasn't there to vote the bill out because I had a bill to present, but I did support it. This bill eradicates pseudorabies. A few years back we passed a bill that said that we would try to control pseudorabies but we really...I don't